storefront



lulu & luigi

We worry about buying for the person who has everything, but what about the ultrapampered pet? (One can only have so many stuffed-sock chew toys or catnip-filled mice.) Luckily for Twin Cities dog and cat lovers, **Lulu & Luigi** (3844 Grand Way, St. Louis Park, 952-929-5858, luluandluigi.com) has opened just in time to fill Fido and Fifi's stockings with designer collars, luxurious sweaters, and epicurean delights.

This upscale pet boutique was created by a mother, a daughter, and a very spoiled Maltese named Lulu (above). After Liz Howe (above left) rescued Lulu from a puppy mill, her mother, Karen Howe (above right), scoured the Twin Cities for unusual, lavish pet products to give her new "granddaughter." Disappointed with the selection, she figured her background in interior design and home economics, coupled with Liz's sales savvy, were just the right ingredients to create a high-end pet boutique.

The store is divided into six departments. The spa-themed area carries terry cloth bathrobes and private label shampoos and conditioners. The jewelry department offers Swarovski collars and freshwater-pearl necklaces, and the "man's best friend" corner features cigar treats and catnip-stuffed stogies. The culinary section stocks treats and frozen and canned food, including exclusive brands Abady and Prairie; the home department offers décor pieces with cat and dog motifs; and the froufrou section brims with faux fur sweaters and marabou-boa collars. Plush playthings for both kids and pets line the shelves, along with a changing selection of holiday-, Western-, Asian-, and *Legally Blonde II*–themed items, such as purse-shaped squeaky toys and pink berets. After all, who says man's best friend can't also be man's best-dressed friend? —*A. K.*



TOP DOG

If all this canine couture is making you jealous, invest in a matching set. This colorful doggy sweater and human scarf set is hand-knitted from imported yarn. $440/set. Sold at **Lulu & Luigi.**